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I first heard about the 24/7 program two years ago when I listed to Representative Taylor last session. I really liked the idea of daily monitoring because I know that this is the best way to change dangerous behaviors. So I wholeheartedly support HB 106. However, HB 106 may not work for every county and it only addresses repeat offenders, those who have been convicted of 2nd or subsequent DUI.

Let's consider the typical DUI #1 offender. Studies have shown that the first DUI arrest happens after having driven drunk 80-300 times. In Montana DUI 1 is even more misleading because it could be a drunk driver with 2 previous DUIs which happened more than 5 years before. In some cases the driver hasn't offended for more than 5 years because the driver was in prison. Then let's add the 40% of all DUI cases in the Flathead which are either pled down to a non-alcohol related offense or dismissed. I was looking at a case recently in which a woman was arrested for her third DUI#1, she pled guilty to reckless driving in the first two cases. I have seen cases where a person was arrested for two DUIs within a few days, weeks, or months, and the plea agreement dismissed one of the cases. In other cases the DUI 2 or 3 is pled to a DUI 1 for sentencing. Still other DUI convictions are never reported to the DMV, particularly on the reservations. Another confounding factor is the DUI offenses committed in other states or countries. So a DUI 1 is often not the first time the driver has been arrested for DUI, and certainly not the first time the driver has driven while impaired.

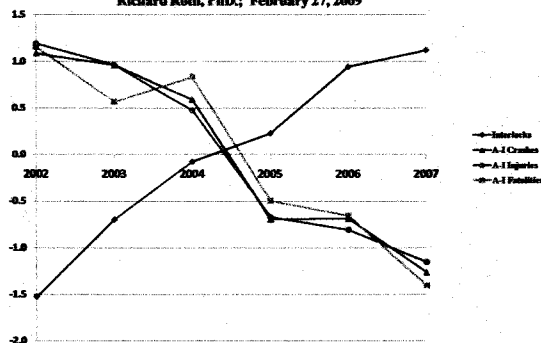
Interlocks change behavior for offenders without taking away the drivers' license, without requiring twice daily monitoring, and without spending time in jail. Interlocks will work for the lower risk offender when the judge feels that total abstinence using the SCRAM is not indicated, but wants to be sure that the offender is not drinking when driving. Interlocks work. You can drive or you can drink but you can't do both at the same time.

24/7 and SCRAM bracelets have dramatically decreased DUIs in the Dakotas. Interlocks have been as effective in other states such as New Mexico. NM passed a mandatory interlock law in 2004. They have recorded dramatic decreases in DUI related crashes, injuries, and deaths.



NM: Interlocks Up, DUI Down

Interlocks Up...Drunk Driving Down (Correlation = -0.93)
2002-7 Z-scores of Interlock Installations and 3 Measures of DWI
Richard Roth, PhD.; February 27, 2009



Mandatory
Interlock
NO COST
to Taxpayer

- Saves money for the offender
 - Average Interlock cost \$80 per month
 - Bar tab \$20-\$30 to reach 0.08%
- SAVES LIVES
 - 30 lives in Montana each year
 - \$180,000,000